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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
M. Kröz et al.) Art Unit: 1646
Application No. 10/584,438) Examiner: Dong Jiang
Filing Date: January 29, 2008)
(International Filing Date: 12/03/2004) Confirmation No. 2609
For: INTERLEUKIN-11 FUSION PROTEINS)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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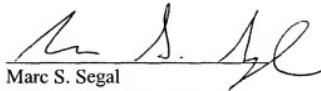
In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated February 6, 2009, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group III, that is, claims 25-29, 32 and 33 drawn to a method of treatment with an albumin-fused IL-11. With regard to this group, Applicants further elect to prosecute species (1) drawn to minimizing a side effect associated with IL-11 treatment. Claims 25, 26, 28, 29 and 33 are readable on the elected species. Applicants confirm their right to file divisional applications that include the non-elected claims.

A favorable action on the merits is requested respectfully.

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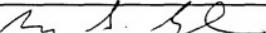
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